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Plainfield recycles after suit denied

PLAINFIELD—Mayor Harold Mitchell recently acknowledged receipt of complaints and some mix-up over scheduling under a controversial new recycling service contract. The Mayor said, "residents can give all the thanks for this confusion to ARTS and UCUA for engaging the City in such a baseless legal suit in an attempt to retain the service contract. However, the confusion will be corrected quickly and residents will soon see benefits of the new service."

Advanced Recycling Technology Systems Inc. (ARTS), a Linden based firm, joined by the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA), had filed suit in Superior Court in September, seeking an injunction to block the start of service by Plainfield Iron and Metal Company (PIM) a local firm. PIM was scheduled to initiate service on October 1st under terms of a contract authorized by the City Council on August 15th. The legal action taken by the Linden firm delayed

confirmation of the contract until a decision was reached on September 29th which confirmed PIM's right to proceed with the service.

Mayor Mitchell said, The courts saw through the ruse by ARTS to use any argument to try to maintain the recycling service contract. The courts ruled in our favor because it is clear that a change to PIM is in the best interest of the residents of the City. We have accommodated review after review on this issue for over a year, while paying higher rates for our recycling service. It's time to stop the nonsense. The PIM contract is clearly a less costly and more efficient arrangement than the existing arrangement with UCUA or the proposal by ARTS. The city will receive an immediate reduction in monthly recycling cost of over \$2,000 per month.

Minority-owned firms receive contract for NJPAC

NEWARK—The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), which has been involved since May in demolition, clearing and infrastructure work on its 12-acre site in downtown Newark, has awarded approximately one-third of its construction-related sub-contracts to minority-owned firms.

Contracts awarded to minority-owned firms during the initial phases of construction are valued at \$1,412,106. According to NJPAC President and CEO Lawrence P. Goldman, the Arts Center Board and management are committed to exceeding all government-required minority participation goals. "We have set out on a journey to create one of the great Arts Centers of the 21st Century which will not only be for the cultural and educational enrichment of all the people of New Jersey but, in great measure, built by them also."

Goldman noted that the NJPAC Board of Directors mandated a "policy of inclusion and opportunity enhancement" from the earliest days of the \$150 million project which included "broadening the avenues of opportunity for minority professionals to participate at the highest levels of the design process."

"I have been involved in efforts to assure minority participation on major construction projects in New Jersey for more than 20 years," said Gustav Henningburg, President of Gustav Henningburg Associates, Inc. of New-

ark, a minority-owned firm retained by NJPAC to help develop and monitor its minority participation program. "This is the first project that has required meaningful MBE involvement in the design phase and I hope it encourages other builders to utilize minority design and construction management professionals in the future."

Henningburg's firm also monitors individual contractor minority employment performance and issues regular status reports to NJPAC management. "The Arts Center, by design, was intended to have a demonstrable impact on the community as a whole," noted State Senator Wynona M. Lipman, an original co-chair of the Mayor's Task Force on the Performing Arts Center. "The commitment to broad minority participation in its construction stages sends an important signal that NJPAC takes its mandate quite seriously. This is a good start and encourages those of us who worked to create a great Arts Center for New Jersey and to locate it in Newark."

NJPAC and Turner Construction have also widened the opportunities for MBE/WBE involvement in the bidding process by offering free management seminars to community businesses. The seminars, offered over a seven-week span, include such topics as developing a business plan, estimating techniques, purchasing procedures and computer technology.

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NJBIC releases survey results

Gubernatorial vote may present surprises

NEWARK—During the 11th annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention held September 30 to October 3, 1993 three groups of the African-American community from throughout the State of New Jersey (seniors, youth and general population) were polled on various issues of significance in the black community. These issues ranged from the effect the African-American vote will have on the outcome of the New Jersey gubernatorial election in November, to responses and support for President Clinton's new health care reform program and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

An analysis with graphs and percentage tables based on responses from the three questionnaires ranging from 17 to 30 questions and totaling almost 7,000 respondents has been prepared.

1. Voter Motivation

In any close New Jersey election the level of voter turnout among African-Americans is a major factor in deciding the outcome. In this year's gubernatorial election low turnout among African-Americans would likely strengthen the chances of Christine Whitman and high turnout would almost certainly strengthen the chances of Governor Florio.

In the 1993 NJBIC surveys 91.8% of senior citizens and 86.7% of the regular participants indicated

that they definitely planned to vote. On the other side only 1.7% of seniors were sure they were going to vote and no seniors indicated they were thinking about not voting. 4.8% of the regular participants indicated they were not sure about voting and 3.3% indicated they were thinking about not voting. This certainly suggests a high turn-out among these groups particularly senior citizens.

However, these two groups—leaders and senior citizens—are usually the type of people, regardless of race who ordinarily do turnout in elections. The youth group surveyed may better indicate the motivation of population segments where turnout is more volatile. Almost 9% of the youth group indicated they would not vote if they could vote (or influence their parents) and an additional 8% indicated they would do something other than vote for one of the major candidates.

Another sign of the potential for a lower turnout comes from a different survey question. The survey asked both seniors and regular participants to rate the level of interest in the election among African-Americans in the communities where they lived. Better than 20% of the regular participants thought there was either no interest or very little interest in the election. Just under 10% of the senior citizens made the same assessment of low interest. Just over 31% of the regular participants and 46% of the

seniors thought that people were very interested. The number of respondents from Southern and Shore counties was not large enough to draw any regional conclusions.

2. Candidate support

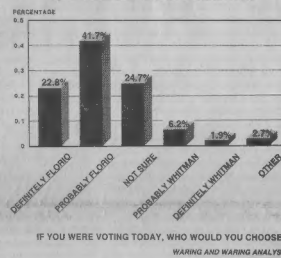
The clear choice of the senior citizens and the regular participants in the NJBIC surveys was Jim Florio. 74% of the senior citizens indicated they would definitely vote for him. 64% of the regular participants indicated they would vote for him. Better than 64% of the regular participants also indicated their support for Florio in the same terms. In both cases probable support was about twice as high as definite support.

However Florio had not yet reached the level of 82% which exit polls suggest he had in 1989. There was very little support for Christine Whitman. Just over 3% of

seniors indicated probable or definite support. Just over 8% of the regular participants indicated probable or definite support. The youth survey indicated more potential for Ms. Whitman and less support for Governor Florio. Whitman had slightly more than 12% support and Florio had slightly more than 22%.

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NEW JERSEY BLACK ISSUES CONVENTION PREFERENCES OF REGULAR PARTICIPANTS FOR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES



Sen. Lipman hosts award breakfast

by Connie Woodruff

The rapidly growing statewide Muslim League of Voters was introduced to more than 400 guests attending Senator Wynona M. Lipman's 13th annual breakfast in Newark last week.

The Muslim League was organized in 1983, but is not widely known despite the fact several members have actively entered the political arena and some have already been elected to council seats in

Essex, Union, Passaic and Hudson counties.

For many of the "established" politicians attending the Newark Senator's annual pre-election event, it was an eye-opening experience, and it was witnessed by Governor Jim Florio who was in attendance with his wife and several campaign aides.

An award was received by Azeem Muhammad, one of several community organizers designated to focus on "four essential concerns (of Muslim activists): Political, Economic, So-

cial and Educational" through a membership "properly cultivated, serious about change, demanding accountability and electing good people to lead the community."

The presentation on behalf of Sen. Lipman was made by Sis. Maryam Muhammad, an articulate knowledgeable young woman emerging as one of the female leaders in interperception and implementation of the political process.

Sen. Lipman's annual scholarships for two students at the Newark Community School of Performing

Arts were given to Thomas Craham, a 13-year-old saxophonist who has been a student at the school since 1989.

An 8th grader at St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, Thomas represented Louise A. Spencer School at a "Problem Solving Convocation" held in Essex Fells in 1992, the same year he was named an outstanding young student for New Jersey by the Center for Talented Youth at John Hopkins University, Baltimore.

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Where do black workers stand with NAFTA?

By William Reed

While the U.S. Congress is split in its support of the administration's North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the majority of African-American labor and political leaders say that such a trade pact will severely harm black workers and communities.

President Bill Clinton is pushing NAFTA, an agreement that

was developed by President George Bush and the Prime Minister of Canada and President of Mexico to allow free trade across borders of the three countries. Many say that the legislation is probably the most important foreign policy measure of Clinton's term in office. The trade agreement has the approval of all five of America's living former presidents. But even the democratic majority leader and whip in the House of Representatives are opposing the pact, and national polls show that "far more Americans oppose NAFTA than support it."

The principle reason that supporters say that NAFTA is good is because it will increase export opportunities, thereby increasing domestic production. Opponents fear that the pact will take away manufacturing jobs and undercut the wages of American workers.

Although Canada is a party to the trade agreement, the majority of the concern among Americans is regarding the role that the pact will play in relation to Mexico. Canada has a higher standard of living than America and is ranked by the Human Development Index (HDI) as being ahead of the U.S. in life expectancy, educational level and basic purchasing power. Mexico, on the other hand, is a poor country and its market is small, only 4 percent of that of the United States. The Mexico market is about equal to the aggregate purchasing power of the African-American

community. Critics of NAFTA complain that Mexico is not a large market for exports, but a plentiful supply of low-cost, high quality labor.

The opposition to NAFTA has created strange bedfellows. Ross Perot, Patrick Buchanan and most black political leaders are against it. Black labor leader, William Lucy, says "The real motive behind NAFTA is the lure of cheap labor for U.S. investors NAFTA is a massive gamble

with Americans' economic future. For African-Americans, the odds are overwhelmingly stacked against us." The majority of the 40 members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), are also fearful that NAFTA will cause production jobs to move to Mexico and depress manufacturing wages and undercut wages in other sectors of the U.S. economy. Reports say that the Americans most likely to

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William J. Woodbridge, (L) reviews site infrastructure plans with Clifton Turner, J. of Mel-Meg-Wise construction of Newark.



Mayor Robert Brown (C) presents Rosa King (L) president of the Hillery Street Block Association with certificate of recognition for the association's strong and dedicated community spirit at the Totoltil sits on Glenwood and William Streets. Deneen McReynolds, (R) coordinator of Orange Neighborhood preservation program looks on.

Newark YMWCA shares 'the best kept secret'

NEWARK—The 1993 Newark YMWCA membership campaign will kick off October 25 with a series of special events that will share "The Best Kept Secret" with prospective YMWCA members. "Our facilities and programs are geared to anticipate and serve the needs and interests of those day time residents of Newark who work in the downtown area and the families and singles who are full time residents of the city," says Newark YMWCA president and CEO Milton Harrison.

YMWCA membership automatically offers use of the indoor pool, an expansive free weight center, and Nautilus Center, Life Steps aerobics equipment, a sauna in the Women's Fitness Center and a whirlpool in the Men's Fitness Center, two gyms, racquetball courts, and a squash court. Members are entitled to two personal training sessions and fitness testing, other amenities available include a massage, towel service, shower and locker facilities.

"We know that employees who work in Newark find it convenient to use the YMWCA prior to the start of

the work day, or for a healthy lunch time alternative or an after work workout break," says Health and Fitness Director Bill Atkins. "We've designed programs and classes with these Membership Drive employees in mind as well as offering ongoing fitness counseling by the professional staff." The YMWCA is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon until 5 p.m.

In addition to the many fitness and workout options, programs and classes are designed to meet the needs of the adult membership. The YMWCA at 600 Broad Street is conveniently located in midtown Newark. Prospective members are invited to drop in to take a tour of the facilities and learn about the advantages of membership. The professional staff will work with you in developing a personalized workout program. For further information about YMWCA memberships, program schedules or to arrange for a tour, call the membership department at 201-624-8900.



Health and Fitness director Bill Atkins checks the vital signs of member Ron Brown after a work-out. PHOTO BY GLEN FRIESEN

Afro-American Historical Society Museum opens quilt exhibit

JERSEY CITY—The Afro-American Historical Society Museum will hold a formal opening of its African-American quilt exhibit with the theme "Quilts and Legacy," Sunday, October 24, 1993 at 3 p.m. at the museum, 1841 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey. Through the exhibit, members of the museum's Quilt Advisory Committee met to establish plans for the exhibit featuring quilts from African-American families and individuals, including a quilt donated through the Still family whose ancestors were prominent in early New Jersey history.

A quilted made by combined efforts of the advisory committee members will display quilts squares incorporating photographs of African-American historical figures. Dr. Rosalind Jeffries, artist-in-residence and a member of the Jersey City State College faculty, is curator of the exhibit.

The opening program will focus on a presentation by Dr. Jeffries on African-American quilting traditions. Cuesta Benberry, quilt historian and quilter of St. Louis, Missouri, will provide further perspective based on her extensive experience as a quilt researcher and quilter.

Dr. Jeffries says that quilting is a tradition as old as weaving itself and as old as the practice of covering up while sleeping. African-American folk quilting traditions has many sources of inspiration: the African retentions in the New World, native American art, European colonial American inventiveness; and European loan transaction. Slave quilters in the service of plantation masters were trained to copy European patterns, these were formal, even, balanced and some Victorian in style. Yet these same quilters created quilts for themselves in a quite different style. They utilized cast away remnants of cloth and would create patchwork quilts in wonderfully syncretized styles that were closer to the African traditions than European.

The title "crazy quilt" was used by Europeans to describe a dynamic rhythmic

form that was foreign to them and not understood until modern art some centuries later with Picasso, Leger, Braque, Matisse and the other inventors of the movement called Modern Art.

She explains that groups of quilters would work in sewing circles, tell stories, give counsel, gossip, have fun and console each other. Such quilts became records, the legacy of a people—a patch told a story—cast away dress piece, mother's gown patch, strips of grandpa's coat, favorite curtain sack, found cloth silk, bought orcher sack butler.

Other than "crazy quilts" there are many types of quilts. A family tree with genealogy, story quilts as the Bible story quilt, c. 1886, or folk tale illustration; historical hero quilt as the Frederick Douglass quilt; and log cabin and wedding ring quilts. This exhibit is proud to present an old quilt dated 1891 from the museum's permanent collection. The patchwork

dynamics is worthy of viewing.

The Still family quilt is a medley of harmonious blue which seems to soothe and heal. Besides herology, Dr. Still was an active leader, abolitionist who wrote a book entitled "Underground Railroad" an invaluable collection of documents and stories about the slave network. The Genealogical Society of the museum has shared his family tree to stand parallel along with the Still family quilt.

The old has become the new, the new the old. Truth and wisdom never die. We have computer programs which explore patchwork patterns and its mathematics, geometricizing, rhythmic balancing asymmetry and symmetry relieves the thrill of yesterday's but with a strong eye of futuristic aesthetics.

This is one exhibition you would not want to miss. Bring the family, grandma and grandpa and the kids will view a continuing legacy.

Minority contractors of the year awards announced

WASHINGTON—NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin recently announced the recipients of the Minority Contractor and Subcontractor of the Year Awards, in recognition of minority businesses that have made outstanding contributions to NASA. Hernandez Engineering, Inc., Houston, was named as Minority Contractor of the Year and AIT and Associates, Inc., Cape Canaveral, Florida, was named Minority Subcontractor of the Year.

"As we continue to strive to meet our goals in minority subcontracting, all of NASA takes pride in seeing the excellence provided by Hernandez Engineering and AIT and Associates. We are also proud to announce this year's Exceptional Achievement medals to three NASA employees, nominated by their centers, for their participation in NASA's commitment

to minority contracting," Goldin said.

Hernandez Engineering, nominated by the Kennedy Space Center (KSC), was selected for providing outstanding and critical technical support in safety engineering, industrial engineering, and software support to the KSC Directorate of Safety, Reliability and Quality Assurance as part of the Space Shuttle Program.

AIT and Associates nominated by the USBI Facilities Group of the United Technologies Corp., provided high quality architectural and engineering services that assisted USBI in meeting and exceeding the prime contract statement of work.

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Warren	\$30,880		

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Community calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College Sociologist Suzanne Walters, an assistant professor at Georgetown University and the author of *Living Together/World Apart: Mothers and Daughters in Popular Culture* will speak on "Mothers and Daughters in a Changing World" depicted in Cinema. Call (201)200-3438.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

PISCATAWAY—Althea Paul Robeson Cultural Center on the Raritan Campus of Rutgers University will feature Paul Robeson, Jr. "Paul Robeson: Humanism in the 20th Century. Artistic Genius and Social Conscience. Free. Call for reservations and info at (609)528-5571.

WESTFIELD—The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County presents "Healthy Eating Improves Work Performance." 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. To register call (908) 645-9654.

WESTFIELD—A champagne benefit will be held for Children's Specialized Hospital 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For additional information call (201)915-8675.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

CAMDEN—Fall gala recognizing Dr. George Prout, President of Thomas Edison State College to be held at the New Jersey State Aquarium from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more info call (609)694-1588.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) presents an exhibit "Milkha Slava as part of 'Vari-

ations on a theme: Cultural Diversity in America 1700-1900." Museum hours are from 11A.M. - 5P.M. For more info call (201)746-5555.

TRENTON—The Fall 1993 Lecture in the Fine Arts will be held in the State Museum Auditorium. The free lecture on the art of Milton Avery will be given at 5:30 P.M. For more info call (609)252-6454.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

NEWARK—Essex County College: International Week Flag Raising 12:30 P.M. For more info call 877-3208.

NEWARK—Essex County College: International Week Panel Discussion 1:00 P.M. For more info call 877-3208.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City College Department of Nursing will offer a one-evening course on "Entrepreneurship in Nursing" For more info call (201)200-3157.

NYC—The Fashion Institute of Technology exhibits 30 textiles created by West African Artist. Naamda Diarra that are mud-dyed, noon - 8P.M. For more info call (212)790-7760.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

NEWARK—Essex County College International Week Symposium 2:30 P.M. For more info call (201)877-3208.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) will present its teaching-art training workshop, "Art Reflects Change," from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

NEWARK—Essex County College:

International Fashion Show/Entertainment & Food Court 1:00-6:30 P.M. For more info call (201)877-3208.

IRVINGTON—Every Thursday at the Irvington General Hospital, free S.T.D. (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) clinic, FREE TREATMENT! Call for an appointment at (201)959-6124.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents Their Family Features: "The Weather Machine." For ages 8 and up come and investigate common weather and climatic changes in the Solar System. For times and info call (201)596-6550.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

NEWARK—The Newark Chapter of the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner will mark the chapter's 79th anniversary at the Robert Treat Center, 50 Park Place. Civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton will deliver the dinner keynote address. For tickets call (201) 624-6400.

SUMMIT—New Jersey Center for Visual Arts presents viewing. Open to the public. For more info call (908)279-9121.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

NEWARK—Essex County College: International Week Dance 7:00 P.M. For more info call (201)877-3208.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

BRANCHBURG—Raritan Valley Community College to sponsor bus trips to NYC - 9/11 Museum of Modern Art and NYC Ballet. For more info call (908)218-8871.

National News at a glance

by Robert N. Taylor

Baltimore Mayor renews call to end the drug problem. Black Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke recently renewed his call for what amounts to decriminalization of illegal drugs in America. Writing in the "Outlook" section of the *Washington Post*, Schmoke argued that drug use should be treated as a medical problem, not a crime. Schmoke said, "As a substitute for our current policy, I favor 'medicalization'—a one word treatment for policies that increase access to drug treatment." The war on drugs, as it is currently waged, feeds the very violence it intends to stop," Schmoke first made his call to take a different approach to the drug problem nearly five years ago. Since that time a growing number of experts have voiced support for his view that the current drug war is both failing to curb inner city drug use and works to cause even greater violence. Schmoke is generally considered one of the most intelligent and forward-thinking politicians in the country.

—BALTIMORE, MD

Push begins for a Powell GOP Presidential run. General Colin Powell—the first black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff—retired September 30, but before the ceremonies were over speculation began that Powell would run for president in 1996 as a republican. Despite the speculation, political experts believe there is a little likelihood that the Republican Party will nominate a black to head its presidential ticket. But, Powell left the door open for a possible presidential campaign, saying, "After I retire...and have had chance to collect my thoughts, and when I hope to do something that is in service to the nation in some capacity." Public opinion polls show Powell is highly popular as a military figure, but it is unclear how military popularity translates into political popularity.

—WASHINGTON, DC

Commerce Secretary Brown says: "I'll be exonerated!" As a Miami federal grand jury investigation charges that he accepted \$700,000 to help end the U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown last month told a congressional committee, "I'll be exonerated." Thus far, there has been no hard evidence supporting the allegation by a Vietnamese-American businessman, But, Brown hurt himself when he admitted that he had met on three occasions with the Vietnamese businessman in question after initially denying any contact with the man. Brown is the nation's first black Secretary of Commerce.

Meanwhile, President Clinton has voiced support for Brown, telling a news conference, "He's told me that he hasn't done anything wrong and I believe him." —MIAMI, FL

Black man dies after being burned by whites. In another example of a new wave of racist violence which appears to be spreading in the country, a 30-year-old black man died recently of burns he received after being set on fire by three whites. Ironically, Milton Metcalfe had stopped to help the two men and a woman whose truck had apparently stalled about 10 miles northeast of Cincinnati. Police said they were mystified by the attack. Metcalfe died at University Hospital where he had been in critical condition since September 21.

—CINCINNATI, OH

Clinton's health care plan calls for more black doctors. One seldom mentioned goal of President Clinton's health care plan is to encourage more minorities to become doctors, dentists and health-care professionals. Only 3.6 percent of the nation's doctors and dentists are African American, even though blacks constitute over 12 percent of the U.S. population. In fact, although there are far fewer Asians than blacks in America, there are over three times as many Asian doctors—63,000 compared to 21,000 blacks. The Clinton goal is to double the number of first year black medical students by year 2000.

—WASHINGTON, DC

92-year-old black woman jailed for littering. Police in Stokes County, North Carolina recently jailed a 92-year-old black woman, who uses a wheel chair, for littering. She was charged with failing to remove a tree which had fallen onto a neighbor's property. Kathleen Pratt served three days of a 30-day sentence. Pratt said going to jail didn't bother her, but was angry because she felt the judge did not give her enough time to arrange to remove the tree.

—STOKES COUNTY, NC

International pageant seeks black sponsors and contestants. A black-oriented beauty pageant is seeking sponsors and contestants. The Miss Black World pageant is set to take place in September 1994. Interested persons can write for additional information to Miss Black World, Post Office Box 65001, Washington, D.C. 20035.

—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Pulling the plug on AT&T

by William Reed

AT&T used to be the biggest Mother of them all before the breakup of its operating telephone companies, American Telephone and Telegraph was the nation's largest employer and for years the Bell System was considered one of America's best equal opportunity companies. Today, questions about AT&T's commitment to the black community, and many of the country's black leaders are ready to pull the plugs of their long distance service from AT&T.

AT&T is the nation's largest long-distance telephone company and to hold on to this lofty position the company's top executives rushed to apologize for the racist cartoon that appeared in its 300,000-circulation employee magazine called *Focus*. The company's switchboard lit up with protest calls when employees received the September issue of the magazine which showed people on several of the world's continents conversing over the telephone. All of the characters representing the continents were human except for the caller representing Africa, it was a gorilla. The AT&T employees, and several civil rights leaders, were outraged by the insensitivity of the cartoon and

were looking for justice of some kind for this gaffe.

While this was just the grist for Black America to get "mad as hell," AT&T's leaders moved quickly to rid themselves of the problem. Justice AT&T-style has produced the following actions:

1. The firing of the outside contractor that prepared the editorial content for *Focus*;
2. Firing of Mike Moran, the freelance artist who designed and drew the gorilla cartoon;
3. A letter of apology from CEO Bob Allen to all AT&T employees;
4. Distribution of a listing of AT&T's good works in the community;
5. The elimination of the *Focus* magazine and its staff.

In his letter to employees, Mr. Allen said: "This is a deplorable mistake on the part of a company with a long, distinguished record of supporting the African-American community." To further distinguish the company's record of interaction with African Americans, Mr. Allen held a meeting with the heads of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). As a result of the meeting, it was announced that the

NAACP and AT&T would "pursue further dialogue on such issues as recruiting minorities, providing scholarships for African-American students, procurement and promotion goals, utilization of black financial institutions, senior executive positions and management diversity training programs."

While the company's press release, after the gorilla appeared, said that the company is among the largest supporters of the United Negro College Fund, and has financially supported black artists, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, the Children's Defense Fund, and a long list of others, the question currently on the floor for AT&T is "does AT&T really interact with black America in a fair and equitable manner?"

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Bob Allen relates with blacks based on what those around him tell him. He doesn't know blacks, and most of the people around him probably don't either. It is entirely possible that one of the AT&T people who had final approval over the *Focus* cartoon was black. To make AT&T's record really "distinguished" and to

be sure that AT&T's black consumers don't move in mass to pull his plug, Bob Allen should give a call to Denny's CEO Jerry Richardson. After talking to Richardson about his billion-dollar, and equitable deal with blacks, Allen will be able to see what a real man who realizes his company's mistakes has to do.

Menendez praises sanctions against South Africa

WASHINGTON—Congressman Robert Menendez praised the impact of economic sanctions against South Africa and the role they played in undermining apartheid.

Menendez made his remarks to the Foreign Affairs Committee, which approved legislation lifting the sanctions. The legislation must now be approved by the full House and the U.S. Senate. "This bill is a clear indication that we will not enter the 21st century with a regime which for too long served as a blemish for the whole of mankind."

Perhaps the main reason this bill is now under consideration in this committee is the realization by

the white South African establishment that a solution in South Africa was impossible until the systematic and immoral exclusion and marginalization of black South Africans was put to an end. The leaders of the African National Congress knew this all along; they are to be commended for persisting until they received what was theirs by birthright. Our policy was principled and it worked. Thanks in part to the U.S. embargo on South Africa, seven years later we are on the dawn of a new era in South Africa. This amendment is a simple statement of plain fact. I urge my colleagues to support the amendment.

"When we want to know what's going on in the African-American Community, we read the most reliable source available!"



Debbie Stapleton



Mayor Sharpe James



Eugene Baucum



Clyde Allen



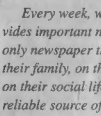
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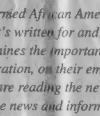
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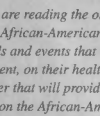
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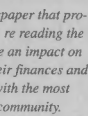
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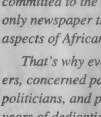
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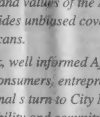
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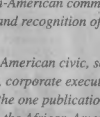
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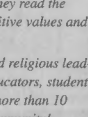
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Prepare our youth for the future

Crossroads Theatre Company has started a wonderful trend which we should all follow—if we are not already doing so—and continue it for us. What is that trend you may ask? Providing internships in minority-owned companies for minority students. If we as minority business owners do not give our youth a start at success in their futures who will? It is our responsibility to train and educate minority students about our businesses and economy so that we will be proud to pass the torch onto those capable hands in the future.

We need to open our business doors and make the effort to teach the youth all we know, or as much as we can; so that after graduation from high school or college, they will not be at a loss when seeking employment because of lack of experience.

Parents should also play their part, by encouraging their children to go after and accept as many internships throughout their high school and college years as they can get. Paid or not, the experience gained from an internship is very valuable, especially to minority students. The more experience a minority youth has, the better qualified he/she is to take on the professional world.

Action speaks louder than words New Jersey voters want solutions

Dear Editor:

The political debate between Governor Jim Florio and Christie Todd Whitman ignores the state of the State. New Jersey has major budget problems. There is a potential revenue shortfall of \$2 billion in next year's state budget. Both candidates aren't even coming close to telling us how they intend to address that problem.

Florio makes much of Whitman campaigning at a gun shop and Whitman talks about a tax cut over three years that has a snowball's chance to survive a mild breeze. The eventual winner of the gubernatorial race will have a problem with the Legislature in passing any kind of revenue cutting program. The one cent sales tax reduction by the Republicans has reduced the core problem of a bloated bureaucracy or eliminated programs that have outlived their usefulness. Neither political party wants to address the existing structure of patronage.

Both Florio and Whitman don't want to tell the voters how supporting the present institutions, programs and jobs of the bureaucracy (backed up by the power of their unions) means that taxpayers will pay more taxes to close a budget gap. Neither of the candidates wants to admit they are trapped by the past and dare not disturb the present for fear of losing the election.

When the reader is in the voting booth keep a quotation by Jonathan Swift in mind: "Promises and pie-crust are made to be broken." ...from Politics Conversation (1738).

Maria Berkowitz
S. Plainfield, NJ

Whitman our choice... Florio takes black vote for granted

Dear Editor:

The total insensitivity of Governor Jim Florio to our serious plight as African-American employees of New Jersey autonomous agencies has prompted our executive committee to meet recently with Republican gubernatorial candidate Christine Todd Whitman.

Ms. Whitman's eager willingness to review with us the full range of our problems in the work place and her pledge to appoint policy-makers at our agencies who are opposed to the "business-as-usual" attitude of the white Democratic "old-boy network" has persuaded us to wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy.

We are, in addition, favorably impressed by her newly-unveiled economic plan for New Jersey. Accordingly, we are committing ourselves and our members to working in our respective communities throughout the state to maximize the vote on November 2 for Christine Todd Whitman.

As life-long Democrats who were among the first in 1987 to endorse Jim Florio's first-term candidacy, we must also seek to convey to prospective voters our total disenchantment with the Governor's performance as it has related to African-American

employees of New Jersey's autonomous agencies.

In the case of the New Jersey Highway Authority for example, the Governor has refused to respond to our requests that he appoint an African-American woman to fill a commission vacancy which has existed since June; and he has recently made matters worse by breaking a commitment to a black State Senator to appoint a specific black woman lawyer to fill that vacancy. He has similarly refused to even acknowledge our letter last summer protesting the appointment of a State Police officer over more qualified candidates as Director of Tolls on the Garden State Parkway.

As we have suspected throughout the past year of our frustrating experiences with Governor Florio and members of his staff, it is senseless to expect white men to confront other white men of the same "old-boy network" to effect meaningful solutions to black grievances.

We are, therefore, pleased and proud to announce our support of Christine Todd Whitman as the next Governor of New Jersey.

Jerry J. Jackson
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by Connie Woodruff

The 1993 elections in New Jersey could be a wake-up call for Democrats and Republicans.

Usually the angry voters out there are white suburbanites. This year the angry majority is a mixture, including an alarming number of middle-aged, middle-class, college educated African Americans from the cities and the suburbs.

People of color feel left out of this election, charging they have had limited access to the major candidates whom they claim have given short shrift to issues important to blacks in New Jersey.

Seven hundred participants were polled by the Black Issues Convention pollsters with a majority from Essex County, the largest concentration of blacks in the state live in this population county where the city of Newark is often the difference between victory and defeat in a close election.

But among African Americans in general, there are a lot of unhappy campers as the campaign gears up for the grand finale on November 2nd.

Disenchanted though many may be they intend to vote and are concerned about the lack of interest in their neighborhoods. The general feeling is that to date the major candidates have spent too much time on attack and defense and not enough on how to curb street crime, other than a ban on assault weapons, welfare reform and a mediator to ease takeover of school districts will improve or worsen schools and educating students.

Florio is a probable choice (41.7 percent) with 24.7 percent "not sure" and 22.6 percent defining "not sure" as "definitely Whitman." Voters lag far behind in single digit numbers. Of the senior citizens polled, a majority live in houses they own although a majority only have social security as an income. There was almost 100 percent who said they would definitely vote for governor and find high interest in the election among their constituents.

Overwhelmingly control of street crime is an important issue to 65.6 percent but view candidates response to this issue only "moderately thoughtful and relevant."

The senior citizen vote will probably be for the Democratic candidate. The youth survey participants were almost evenly divided between males and females with an average age of 17, high school seniors, living with a sin-



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The political situation in Haiti continues to deteriorate. The military rulers afraid of losing their position of power and privilege are escalating their terrorist attacks against the people. The assassinating of the Minister of Justice is just another example of their total disregard for any laws or respect for human rights.

In the last two weeks it is estimated that more than 250 people have been killed in attacks on those who are believed to be pro-Aristide supporters. The Haitian people who have endured years of torture and abuse by the army and secret police forces of the Duvalier regime are still being held hostage in their own country by military coup leaders Raoul Cedras and Joseph Michel Francois.

These military coup leaders further demonstrated to the world that they are dishonorable men when, in spite of agreements that they signed to help facilitate a peaceful solution to the turmoil in Haiti, they reneged on the negotiated settlement and stepped up their reign of terror on the Haitian people. Their willingness to kill innocent Haitian men, women and children in order for them to keep their greedy hands on these positions of power and control, should leave no doubt that they are unfit to lead, and not worthy of any consideration for clemency or mercy.

The Haitian people elected Jean-Bertrand Aristide to be their President—we should respect the wishes of the masses. There are many members of the

gle parent in an urban community.

The towns in which they live and the schools they attend are majority African American. Only 37 percent say they lean a "fair amount" about African American culture and history in their school and consider Jessie Jackson, Farrakhan and Bishop Gene Angello as the three most important African American leaders.

In spite of encountering some major and minor incidents of crime and violence daily in their neighborhoods, a majority of the respondents (49 percent) feel "mostly positive" about their future and the future of African Americans in general.

When asked who they would vote for if they could, influence their parents to vote for who they would they chose? Only 14.4 percent said Florio; 49 percent said "not sure and 8.7 percent said they would not vote.

WITH THE FUTURE?

The results of the survey indicate the best laid plans of Democrats could go awry if black voters decide to sit out this election day.

This particular survey did not include the vast numbers of unemployed and underemployed in the state feel neither candidate is addressing their needs now and have little hope the future will be any different.

In the cities the rumors about a lack of street money due to the candidates commitments earmarking funds for a media blitz in the remaining weeks before the election will not be going into neighborhoods as election day "street money."

African American still have to be wooed the old fashioned way: rallies, free food, house parties, candidate tours of neighborhoods and promises of jobs tomorrow's and without a doubt the chance for election day workers to earn a few dollars.

Television debates and five minute sound bites just don't work effectively in the inner city where folks enjoy pressing the flesh if even for a fleeting moment. They like the idea of a candidate coming in person to ask for their vote and support like in the good old days.

Leaders can give endorsements—they do it all the time but if they don't grease the wheels of the bandwagon it just might not roll on election day.

Another missing element this year has been the familiar neighborhood campaign headquarters. "Even if you want to volunteer there's no central meeting place," a veteran campaign worker complained.

However, Christie Whitman's campaign team is working hard to drum up enthusiasm—particularly among church folk who are consistent voters. She has been visiting black churches the inner city when invited and last week brought her campaign. Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark where she was endorsed by Rev. Perry Simmons.

The Whitman camp has been promised the endorsement of other urban church congregations. It's also known there are several young ministers quietly working behind the scene

for Whitman who has welcomed them into the Republican camp.

Reverting to an old tried and true tradition may not work for the Republicans but it certainly can't hurt.

That's the way Tom Kean did it and we all know what happened for Kean against a different political wind was blowing eight years ago.

But in politics few things really change. Voters respond positively to promises of hope, promises of jobs, promises of change in the status quo especially when it is as discouraging as it is in New Jersey at this point in time.

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Lipman breakfast

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But it's not all music for this talented and gifted youngster. He is an avid reader (and insisted on reading the book "Jurassic Park" after seeing the movie), takes karate lessons, enjoys horseback riding, swimming and gymnastics and singing with Bethany Baptist Church Choir and his school choir at St. Benedict's Prep.

The other scholarship winner is 17-year-old Dorcas Montiel, a junior at Memorial High School, West New York.

Dorcas began taking piano lessons in 1982 and has been enrolled at Newark Community School of the Arts for five years. Two years ago she added voice as a primary study.

She spent this past summer as a scholarship winner to Rinhaven Music Camp in Weston, Vermont as did her sister, Libby.

Despite a self-imposed discipline that requires her to practice at least an hour and a half seven days a week, Dorcas participates in high school track, running demanding 8-12 miles a day.

Both students performed for breakfast guests.

Other honorees included William Payne, executive director of One to One / New Jersey, a non-profit organization created to encourage volunteerism throughout the state to improve the lives of at-risk youngsters. Payne, a former Newark entrepreneur, has been director of the school centered youth mentoring pro-

gram since 1992, and has recruited more than 250 mentors from indigenous communities in Newark and surrounding areas rather than the traditional corporate employee pool.

Payne and One to One / New Jersey are recognized as leaders in providing one to one mentoring services in New Jersey.

An award was also presented to Maria Vizzarondo-DeSoto, director of New Jersey's Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development. Vizzarondo-DeSoto formerly directed the Aspira Center, an adjunct educational institution for Hispanic youth bound for colleges and universities.

Ms. Vizzarondo has been cited numerous times for her volunteer efforts on behalf of the Hispanic Women's Task Force, the Newark Collaboration Group, Cities in the Schools and as an Essex County coordinator for Latinos for President Clinton.

She is presently enrolled in post graduate studies at Rutgers University and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Kean College, Columbia University and has received Executive Training at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University.

Several weeks ago the joined Governor Florio, Senator Lipman and Democratic Party candidates in Essex County as a running mate. If elected on November 2, Vizzarondo will be the first female and first Hispanic to serve as Essex County Surgeon.

Democracy is: the right to choose

Republican Party here in this country who are starting to smear President Aristide by trying to paint a portrait of him as some type of madman bent on revenge, and who is mentally unstable. They have spread rumors, supposedly from the United Nations, that he has made statements about severely torturing and punishing members of the secret police force and the military junta.

The concern by some Republican leaders about the fate of these murderers and terrorists is very touching. It's very interesting how they randomly place labels on people based on their own opportunistic reasons. While they label Aristide a demagogue, they call Boris Yeltsin a democrat. Yeltsin, who illegally suspended and dissolved the Russian parliament, had his political opponents seized and locked up, shut down opposition parties and censored papers as well as imposing a state of emergency on the country, could hardly be considered a man pursuing democracy. Those who question Aristide's mental stability, who well want to keep their eyes on Yeltsin, who likes to drink a lot of vodka, and whose stability they may want to be concerned about, since he has the access to the nuclear codes controlling hundreds of nuclear weapons that could blow up the world.

We should respect the wishes and desires of the Haitian people, and support the restoration of their democratically elected president. If, once Aristide returns, the people want to hold another election and elect someone else, we should respect their decision. Congressman Charles Rangel and the Reverend Jesse Jackson have

called for direct U.S. military intervention in Haiti to help the Haitian people. Realistically, after the fallout from the Somalia operation, that is not going to happen because there isn't enough political support for direct U.S. intervention in Haiti. The focus should be on educating people about the conditions and problems faced by the Haitian people and providing opportunities for the Haitians to tell their own story to the world without being filtered through the white controlled mainstream media.

The sanctions and economic embargoes that should be supported until the fascist military junta are driven from power and President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was elected by two-thirds of the Haitian people in a democratically held election, is returned to office. It isn't up to us to involve ourselves in the internal struggle of any nation. The right of all people to self-determination should be respected and adhered to. We should afford this right to the Haitian people.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

JERSEY CITY—At the Jersey City Public Library at 3:30 p.m. Halloween Movies: *War of the Witches*, *New Misadventures of Ichabod Crane*, and *Beastars*, Five Corners Branch. For more info call (201)547-4543.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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by Connie Woodruff

Where have the years gone? Was the question the lips of the more than 250 guests celebrating Essex County College's 25th anniversary aboard the good ship *Witch's Princess*, on a balmy Sunday night Silver Anniversary Cruise. Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, ECC's affable president, and his wife Trish, welcomed an appreciative crowd to a pre-sailing cocktail hour; and later led guests to a sumptuous dinner and dance as the party yachted around the island of Manhattan under a starlit sky.

Proceeds from the cruise (an estimated 70,000) will be applied to the college's endowment fund and used to fund scholarships and underwrite programs beneficial to the college's many thousands of de-

serving students. Since its founding in 1968 ECC has had a total enrollment of more than 240,000 persons. Many became successful in business, architecture, social work, teaching, health care, (i.e. physicians, dentists, nurses, technicians), the law, and law enforcement and politics.

As a county-community college where one can earn an associate degree in a variety of disciplines within two years, ECC has also served college graduates interested in updating their skills; have been referred by employers desiring to have employees retrained in entirely new disciplines and has joined corporations in conducting on-site training programs.

In his remarks Dr. Yamba recognized the various Boards of Trustees who have been the most visible boosters through the tranquil turbulent years. He also remembered past presidents, Robert McCabe (1967-1968),

Ellis White (1969-1970), J. Harry Smith (1971-1977), and George Harris (1978-1980). There was also a roll call of 25-year employees and the one and only employee with a service record of 26 years: Professor Richard Down. "Zack" Yamba took over the helm as president in 1980 but his total years with the college as a professor and administrator number 25.

Two of Newark's most prominent elected officials were on hand to share the nostalgic mood. Newark Mayor Sharpe James is on leave as a professor of health and physical education and Newark State senator and West Ward Councilman, Ronald Rice is an ECC graduate and current president of the Alumni Association.

Like tuxedoed gentlemen and ladies resplendent in gowns of silk, satin and sequins, they danced the

night away to the rhythmic sounds of the Lou Davis Orchestra, sipped champagne and posed for amateur and professional photographers. It was a night to remember the good and the bad ECC has survived, from the time it opened for business at 31 Clinton Street in the heart of Newark's commercial district to the memorable day in 1976 when the college moved to its present home on an extraordinary three-block long "megastucture" in the city's University Heights section.

In 1985 ECC expanded its services to suburban Essex, with the opening of its West Essex campus in West Caldwell and the addition of a state-of-the-art gymnasium and day care center at the Newark Campus. Dr. Yamba speaks optimistically about the future and the new worlds to be conquered by administrators, faculty, staff and students in the 21st century. "ECC stands tall and proud as we

celebrate a quarter century of service of a learning environment that has lived up to the commitment of hope, change and promise we made at our opening ceremonies. We keep the vision of those three words: hope, change, promise alive as we ponder the challenges of a new world order where we will be required to prepare men and women of all races and ages for the global marketplace of the new century."

Twenty-five years ago ECC was challenged to make the then-new two-year county college system work. Administrators, faculty and students were dared to bring ECC into the framework of higher education in a creditable manner. They have accomplished that mission. The contributions more than 10,000 alumni are making to communities throughout the world attest to the dedication of loyal, hardworking, determined men and women who are living legacies that one can dare to live the impossible dream.

High School Internship Established at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—A new high school internship program that encourages lifelong appreciation and support of the arts has been established by Crossroads Theatre Company in honor of its former Board of Trustees President Dr. Penelope E. Lattimer.

"It is only fitting that we honor Dr. Lattimer through a program that reflects her devotion to young people, education and the arts," said Ricardo Khan, Crossroads' co-founder and artistic

director. "Her service to Crossroads during a period of enormous growth and accomplishment will continue to inspire us."

The internships were funded by Colgate-Palmolive, with a \$3,000 grant. New Brunswick High School seniors Encarnacion San Diego, 18, and Damione Moody, 17, have been selected as the first Lattimer interns. The program will allow them to receive hands-on experience with the other professionals including directors, designers, actors, technicians

and administrators now through June 1994.

Each student will spend 10 to 15 hours per week after school gaining experience in different areas of the theater, including the Production, Literary, Development, Marketing and Community & Education departments. In addition, they will be exposed to other arts organizations through field trips and will each receive a \$500 scholarship award at the end of their internship.

According to Melanie Daniels-Ford, director of Crossroads' African-American College Initiative Program, and supervisor of the Lattimer Internship, the program is not intended to groom future theater professionals. Instead, it is geared toward exposing and sensitizing young people to the arts as a part of quality education.

"These students are the future keepers of the culture, by providing a positive and enriching experience, the internship program will help in-

sure that members of the younger generation become enthusiastic supporters of artists and their work."

The internship recognizes Dr. Lattimer's work on behalf of the arts. She joined Crossroads' board in 1980, became its vice president in 1982 and served as its president from 1983 through 1992, when she was succeeded by Frank Bolden. In addition, she helped found the Dance Program at the American Repertory Ballet Company, which provides dance education to urban youngsters.

Project 200 hosts benefit event

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's Project 2000 will present a fund-raiser on Wednesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. at Ruben's Restaurant, located at 21 Court Street. The event, sponsored by the program's Community Advisory Board, will include the presentation of community service awards to Senator Ronald Rice and Mildred Crump for their work on behalf of the program. Entertainment will be provided by jazz xylophonist Jason Taylor. Proceeds from the event will benefit project 2000.

Project 2000, based on the Washington, D.C. public school's model, was launched by Seton Hall University last winter to provide positive role models for youngsters attending inner-city schools. Project 2000 recruits volunteers who work four hours a day per week, assisting teachers in their daily tasks. Approximately 125 youngsters in grades 3-4 currently participate in the program at Newark's Alexander Street School and the Oakwood Avenue School in Orange, N.J. For ticket information call 201-761-9648.

AKA holds young achievers ball

SOMERSET—The Nu Xi Omega Chapter (Middlesex/Somerset Area) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the oldest Greek letter organization for African-American women, announces its 5th Bi-Annual Young Achievers Ball to be held October 23 at the Holiday Inn, Somerset. The ball marks the culmination of the sorority's 1993 Young Achievers Program.

The Young Achievers Program was established in 1985 to assist high school young men realize and fulfill their potential. This innovative program has two major

components—Business Venture and Philanthropic Activity. Since its inception the program has provided challenging learning experiences for over 80 young men throughout the state.

The 1993 Young Achievers include: Karl Deane, Sean Hudson, Cornell Marino, Myron Morton and Jason Williamson from Plainfield; Walter Greene and Dathan Sanchez from Scotch Plains; Melvin Williams III from Westfield; Dennis Scott from Freehold; Christopher Talford from Piscataway; Martin Scott from Monroeville; William Thomas from

Hillside; and Nelson Scott from Atlantic Highlands.

These promising young men have participated in a series of intense workshops and entrepreneurial seminars that focused on educational and career choices, communication skills, community service, camaraderie, goal setting and achievement, and health issues.

"The business enterprise developed by the participants involves the marketing and sale of T-shirts, incense and oils. All profits from this enterprise will be donated to the charity of their choice."

New hours for Newark Public Library

NEWARK—Effective September 13, The Newark Public Library will be operating on its new fall hours.

The Main Library, located on Washington Park, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Friday, and Saturday; from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; closed Sunday. The Children's Room is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to

5:30 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday.

The James Brown African-American Room, La Sala Hispanoamericana, New Jersey Division, Video Room, and Special Services Room, located at the Main Library will be open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday; closed Sunday and Monday.

Neighborhood branches will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. They are closed Saturday and Sunday.

The Business Information Center, 34 Commerce Street, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday. It is closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

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Religious Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

WESTFIELD-St. Luke's AME Zion Church—Will have a Joy Night, at 8:30 P.M. The program will be held at the Church, 500 Downer Street, Westfield. This program consists of various choirs singing. All are welcome.

EAST ORANGE-Mt. Olive Baptist Church presents a Gospel Extravaganza, featuring "Randy Jones & Special Edition" Showtime is 7:00 p.m. sharp and admission is free. For further information call (201) 675-4827.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

PLAINFIELD-St. Bernard's Church will begin its "55-54 Enrichment Series" at 7:30 p.m. with the program "Healing Wounded Emotions." For more info call (908) 755-3355.

Health Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

IRVINGTON-Free WIC tests & lead testing every Tuesday from 9:15-10:15 a.m. at the Irvington Health Department. For more info call (201) 389-0653.

IRVINGTON-Free lead testing for children at the Irvington Health Department. Call for an appointment (201) 389-0653.

IRVINGTON-Free baby clinic every Tuesday and Thursday in the afternoon at Irvington General Hospital for newborns to 5 years old. Call for an appointment at (201) 389-0652.

Grace Baptist Church Honors Activists

by Connie Woodruff

Rev. Levin B. West, Sr., officers and members of Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Inc. continue to boast about being known as "the smallest church (in Newark) with the biggest heart." They are equally humble when one points to the church's phenomenal economic growth in the decade and a half since it spun off from the (Dutch Reformed Church of North America).

Under the leadership of Rev. West, an aggressive, visionary street-smart "man of God," Grace Baptist built Grace West Manor, an imposing high rise on the corner of Irvine Turner Blvd. and Avon Ave. making affordable housing available for senior citizens and family groups, established Grace West Early Childhood Learning and Development Center and spearheaded the building of a mini-mall on the opposite side of Turner Blvd.

All of these initiatives have meant economic growth for the church and old in the church and the neighborhood, not to mention the convenience of having specific community needs at hand. Fourteen years ago Grace Reformed Baptist held its first annual Appreciation Awards Buffet Dinner for

the purpose of honoring Newarkers and others whose contributions to the city have been many and varied. Honorees are selected without regard to race or gender or age and representative of a cross-section of professional and lay community activists.

This year's awardees were no exception to that rule in the selection of Essex County Prosecutor Clifford J. Minor and Star Ledger "Newark This Week" editor, Barbara Kukla and Man and Woman of the Year, Carolyn Kelley, founder and director of "Youth Opportunities Unlimited" and owner of Abyssinian Baptist Church, a past Grand Maroon of the Eastern Stars, of the highly applauded supervisor of Grace West Senior Citizens Center at Grace West Manor.

Also honored was Mrs. Willie Belle Hooper who defied age when she returned to school after five of her eight children graduated from college and earned a B.A. Degree from Kean College at the age of 65. Mrs. Hooper

joined three of her children as a teacher at Robert Treat (Marcus Garvey) school and although officially listed as "retired," continues to serve as a substitute teacher in the Newark system.

Lt. Jose Luis Rodriguez of the Essex County Prosecutor's office was presented with a "Community Service" award for his assistance in the establishment of the Hispanic Law Enforcement Society of Essex County that promotes the recruitment, advancement and perpetuation of Hispanics in law enforcement throughout the county. A veteran member of the New Police Department, Robert Rankin, Commander of the East District Precinct, received the "Law Enforcement Award." Kathy V. Sumter-Edwards, affectionately known as Newark's "balloon lady" was honored as the "outstanding businesswoman."

Prior to opening her popular Kathy's Party Place in Newark's downtown section, Sumter-Edwards was employed for many years as a cashier at PSE&G. As a wife and brand new mother, "Kathy's innovative, creative and resourceful characteristics make her an excellent role model" for young Newarkers of both genders who have the perseverance, conviction and resolve to turn a dream into reality," was

how one member of the selection committee described the honoree.

Other awardees included Charles J. Bilotti, district manager of PSE&G's New Customer Service Operation; the senior citizen "blonde bombshell" Alice E. Jones, a senior program development specialist for the aging; Essex County Democratic Party Chairman, Tom Giblin, a former Freeholder and Essex County Surrogate; Mattie Davis, recipient of the "Day Case" award, a former winner of the Early Childhood Development and Mental Health award presented by UMD Hospital.

Mr. Samuel T. Allen, a long time Essex County entrepreneur and real estate developer, was cited as the "Businessman of the Year" for his activity in the restoration of the commercial and community affordable rentals in Newark. He is best known in the city as the developer of Westside Heights Mall, the first major project in the area in 20 years when he completed the project in the 1980's.

The young were not forgotten and there were many of them among the 400 plus guests attending the event. Two "Susie West Carter" scholarships (named in memory of Rev. Levin West's

late mother), were given to Maria Arana, a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, currently pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration at Seton Hall University; and William C. Perry, Newark Science High Valedictorian, Class of 1993.

"Bill Perry is living proof a kid from the 'hood can make it," said Rev. West. "At Science High he was active in student government, vice president of his class, treasurer of the National Honor Society, artist and writer for the school newspaper and magazine." Perry is currently a freshman at Princeton University where he was admitted with a 1320 SAT, citations as a National Science Scholar, a Star Ledger Scholar of the Greater Newark area, an Edward (Rutgers) Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Scholar finalist and recipient of a National Merit Commendation.

Newark attorney Maurice R. Strickland chaired the event with a long list of co-chairs, honorary co-chairs and the coordination of this mammoth undertaking by Mrs. Louise Alexander Skidmore, the energetic motivator behind Grace Reformed Baptist Church and the affiliates for which it is responsible.

Neighborhood house celebrates 50 years

PLAINFIELD—The Nabe (Neighborhood House) family past and present are invited to celebrate its 50th year. The anniversary will be a formal affair featuring live music, dinner and dancing in the Sheraton Woodbridge. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at Neighborhood House.

The agency was established by the late Mary Worth Rock in 1943 as a private, non-profit community agency. Mrs. Rock was assisted by volunteers from the Woman's Guild of Presby-

terian of Plainfield. Several programs aimed at bettering the community sprouted out of the Nabe, as it is affectionately referred to by many. Programs from adult education, career counseling, senior citizens, tutorial programs, to organized social and civic groups.

In past years Neighborhood House has focused on providing child day care services for the community of working and student parents. With five child care components, Neighbor-

hood House provides care for more than 250 students from 2 months to 12 years of age. The quality care includes a comprehensive health program, age appropriate curriculum, nutritional meals, as well as year round service. For more information please call (908) 757-7100 or write if you have been affiliated with the agency and interested in attending the affair. We could not possibly celebrate without you and remember NABE could not be home without you.

NAFTA

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suffer from lost jobs and reduced incomes would be those who live in the inner cities and poor rural areas, and have annual family incomes of less than \$36,000. Lucy, President of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, says, "It has been estimated that NAFTA will inflict an average annual wage loss of \$1,000 per worker for the lower 70 percent of the U.S. labor force."

Rufus Yerxa, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative and chief NAFTA negotiator says that, "NAFTA is a sure bet to increase U.S. exports just as the post-1986 reductions in Mexico's trade and investment barriers have transformed a \$5.7 billion U.S. trade deficit with Mexico into a \$5.4 billion surplus. Mexico has become our second leading market for manufactured exports and our third largest market for agricultural products." In response to the debate over destroying jobs, Yerxa says, Mexico's currently high tariffs, unfair trade barriers, and lax environmental and labor laws discriminate against U.S. labor force."

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Columbus Hospital provides advanced mammography system

NEWARK—Columbus Hospital has acquired an advanced mammography system called the Senographe DMR. This new unit, from GE Medical Systems, features a new advanced tube design that enables it to produce high-quality images of all types of patients, including previously difficult-to-image patients with dense glandular breast tissue.

"While mammography is widely accepted as the best single method for detecting breast cancer in its early stages, until now its ability to obtain consistent, high quality images on women with dense breasts has been somewhat limited," says Dr. James Freyne, Director of Radiology, at Columbus Hospital. "The Senographe DMR Mammography System incorporates new tube technology that enables us to image subtle breast tissue

density changes. The new tube is also designed to produce mammography images at a low patient dose, which is important to women concerned about the effects of radiological exams."

The unit also makes patients feel more comfortable because its design allows for constant patient/technological eye contact, which tends to enhance patient relaxation and cooperation. "I've had a mammography done myself; I know what the procedure feels like and I remember the anxiety of waiting for results," says Judy Rotino, Registered Mammography Technologist at Columbus Hospital. "So I'm very empathetic towards my patients. Each case is different, some patients are here for their first, or baseline mammography; others come here because they or their physicians have

felt something suspicious; and yet others are here for their annual check-up. Some patients are more educated about mammographies than others, and some patients are particularly nervous about the exam. I look at each case individually, and try to put myself in their shoes. By doing this I find that I can better meet their needs, as well as make them feel more comfortable."

Columbus Hospital is the first hospital in Essex County to have acquired this state-of-the-art system, as part of their efforts to expand and upgrade their mammography services. Some of these efforts include patient pre-registration, extended appointment hours, and plans for expanded patient education. For more information or to make an appointment, call 201-268-1515.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

FAIRFIELD—Dance party and social every Wednesday, by 30-40 Club, a singles organization for men 30's to early 40's, and women 40's to early 50's at the Villa Classica Lounge. Live music, dancing, snacks and door prizes. For more info call (201) 444-9759.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

FAIRFIELD—Dance party and social every Thursday by Largely Yours singles at the Villa Classica Lounge. Live music, dancing, snacks and door prizes. For more info call (201) 487-4298.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

NEWARK—At the Newark Museum, Very Special Arts Festival: Octoberfest '93 celebrates the artistic abilities of children and adults with disabilities. From 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more info call (201) 596-6814.

WESTBURY—Westbury Music Fair, Dan Fogelberg, A Special Acoustic Evening at 8:00 p.m. For more info call (516) 334-2101.

WATCHING—Watching Arts Center presents a single performance of Keith MacDonald on piano. For more info call (908) 753-0190.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

GARDEN—Fall gala recognizing Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of Thomas Edison State College at The New Jersey State Aquarium. Reception at 7 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. For more info call (609) 984-1588.

JERSEY CITY—"The Sound Of Poetry" A lecture, performance and conversation with poet Charles Mosier and Open reading at 10:00 p.m. at the Five Corners Branch, 678 Newark Ave. For more info call (201) 547-4543.

JERSEY CITY—At The Miller Branch of the Jersey City Public Library auditorium. The Community Awareness Series presents "An evening of Jazz Music" featuring The Sherry Winston Band and The Ted Cusson Band. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. For more info call (201) 547-4504.

WESTBURY—George Benson and Roberta Flack will appear at the Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For ticket info call (516) 334-0800.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

NEWARK—Crossroads Theatre Company's Professional Connections will sponsor "Crossroads Connections" an evening of networking, live jazz, and prizes to benefit the Theatre at Rutgers' 21 Court St. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. For more info call (908) 245-5581 Ext. 18.

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Newark Jazz Festival October 23-30, 1993

A Hot Afternoon

Sunday, October 24

All Star Jazz Organ Jam Spectacular
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The Robert Truitt Hotel
10-12:00 p.m. \$30.00 General Admission
\$40.00 Reserved Seating (limited to 200 seats)
Cash bar and food available for purchase

A Cool Evening

Saturday, October 30

A Gala Night of Singing and Swinging
Mel Torme
with Donny Osborne, John Litham, and John Colanni
James Moody Quartet
Cassandra Wilson
Hosted by Bill Franklin
Piano-concert solo performance by the American Classical Music Ensemble of Newark's University High School Newark Symphony Hall
Savannah Concert Hall
7:00 p.m., \$25.00, \$30.00, \$25.00

Free Events Around Newark

Saturday, October 23

The Jazz Legacy
A Symposium featuring
Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of Thomas Edison State College
Panelist: Anne Sharon Freeman, President of the Newark Museum
and performer: Carole Smith, singer
Lafayette Park, NJ
American Baritone in Jazz
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10:00-12:00 p.m. Free
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All Women's Jazz Band
Featuring: Bettye LaVette, singer
Bertha Hope, pianist
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Monday, October 25
Don Williams
The Don Williams Band
10:00-12:00 p.m. Free
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Scraper Orchestra Dance Party
Don Williams and the Don Williams Band
10:00-12:00 p.m. Free
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CITY LIFE
"The Scoop"

By Janice Malone

Tour talk

L.A. & Babyface's latest protégé, Toni Braxton, will be touring with the legendary Frankie Beverly & Maze. The tour is set to begin next month and will continue through the holiday season. Maze's current album, "Back To Basics," is quality music that's true to its title. And, to speak of tours... Sources close to the Luther Vandross/En Vogue tour say that their act was "too loud." The ladies supposedly made some minor revisions to the act and the show continues tonight. On Has Mr. Vandross become a "Prima Donna?"—again? Remember, the so-called "creative differences" he reportedly had with Anita Baker when they toured together a few years ago?

Money talk?

And, to keep on speaking of tours...Madonna was in London recently on her "Gimme Shelter" tour. Source she reportedly requested for the luxurious hotel to install exercise machines in her suite—which they promptly did. But later, she changed her mind and decided to bring her own personal machines. So, four exercise machines were flown all the way from Los Angeles to preserve her waist! By the way, she also requested six cases of Diet Dr. Pepper.

Cameo appearance

Sources say that Charles Singleton, producer/writer and musician of the group Cameo, has been asked to write/produce two songs for Vanessa Williams' upcoming album. Word is the big chief executive, Wing Polgram's Ed Eckstein, personally invited Charlie to do the songs.

"House" man

Actor, and now director of the movie *Bopha!*, Morgan Freeman, is building a house on the family homestead in his hometown of Greenwood.

Mississippi.

Dynamic duo

Check out Pat LaBelle doing a duet on the new album of Michael Crawford, star of Phantom of the Opera.

New faces 'n' new places

NBA Rookie of the Year, Shaquille O'Neal, is set to release a

new rap album this month, called *Shaq Diesel*. And, in months to come, look for these familiar faces in new TV places, Hammer on the Fox Network, starring as a teacher in the show "City High"; "South Central," a family comedy set in Los Angeles; "Mantis," a live-action African-American superhero show; and "Cops Files," a subsidiary of the show "Cops." The new show will be hosted

ed by Richard Roundtree (Remember him in the movie "Shaft")? Believe it or not, but the 80's hit-making group Funky Nation has reunited and are currently on tour! And, finally, look for an upcoming voice appearance by the "Godfather of Soul," James Brown, in an episode on "The Simpsons." The godfather will be singing his classic hit "I Feel Good."

Singin' and Swingin'
Newark's premier jazz festival returns

NEWARK—For seven days in October, the sounds of jazz will resound in New Jersey's largest city for the Third Annual Newark Jazz Festival. Over 200 musicians and singers will perform in 32 events at 17 locations across the City of Newark from October 23 through October 30. The Festival's success is attributed to its high quality of acts, offering an array of talent from big name stars to local emerging young artists. Over 25,000 people came to Newark for Festival events last year.

This festival celebrates the life and music of America and sends a message that Newark is yet another renowned jazz Mecca of the world. It says Honorary Chairman of the Festival, Newark Mayor Sharpe James. An "All Star Jazz Organ Jam Spectacular" will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 24 in the Tri-State Ballroom of the Robert Trent Hotel from 3-7:00 p.m. The event stars Rhoda Scott, Jack McDuff, Bill Doggett, and Rudy Pitts and over two dozen musicians "jamming" with these legendary jazz organists. Tickets are \$30.00 and \$40.00. The jam has cabaret seating, cash bar, and food will be available for purchase.

On Saturday, October 30, 7:00 p.m. Mel Torme, Cassandra Wilson, and James Moody will star in "A Gala Night of Singing and Swinging" at Newark Symphony Hall. James Moody will receive the Newark Symphony's first Lifetime Achievement Award. Tickets are \$25.00, \$30.00, and \$35.00 and are available from TicketMaster 201-507-8900 or 212-307-7171 and at the Newark Symphony Hall Ticket Office, 1030 Broad Street in Newark.

The Festival will also present 30 free-admission jazz events that include a "Women in Jazz" Symposium at The

Newark Museum with an all women band and singer Ronnell Byrd; a series of live broadcasts on a WBOC-FM featuring singers Rashema, Gail Allen, Grady Tate, and Laverne Butler; "Jazz Break" corporate non-hour concerts; "Rush Hour Riffs" of jazz Big Bands on weekday afternoons in Penn Station; and the "Jersey Jazz Masters Reunion" nights at The Priory at St. Joseph's Plaza. There will be a trio of bass duet non-hour concerts at The Newark Public Library with Chris White, Michael Logan, and Rufus Reid; a Saturday afternoon Young People's program with Universal Language in the Mary Burch Theater at Essex County College; and festival club nights at Newark's jazz clubs: Jasmine, Ruben's Supper Club, Terminal "D", and the Top Brass.

"We are truly fortunate in being able to bring such extraordinary jazz events to the State of New Jersey and the City of Newark. Newark's jazz legacy is rich and notable and the Newark Jazz Festival is committed to keeping the City's jazz star," says Dr. Alex Boyd, director of The Newark Public Library and president of the Board of Directors of the Newark Jazz Festival.

NJ Transit has convenient bus and/or rail service to all performance locations. For transportation information call 1-800-772-2222. For a complete 1993 Newark Jazz Festival Guide call (201) 643-3605.

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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

CANLAND, CA - Oslen will present a sales management seminar entitled "Recruiting, Selecting and Retaining Top Sales Talent," designed to teach executives how to see through first impressions and consistently hire - and keep - people who will work out. For info call 800-294-4689.

JERSEY CITY - "How to Buy Local Tax Line That Earns 18%," at Jersey City Adult School. For conservative investors looking for alternatives to low-yielding traditional opportunities, call 1-800-TAX-LINE for course info and schedule update.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEW YORK - "How to Sharpen Your Business Writing Skills," a hands-on seminar that will show you proven business writing techniques you learn them. Offered by the American Management Association. For info call 518-891-0055.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

NEW YORK - The National Minority Business Council (NMBC) will host a conference focusing on global marketing strategies specifically for the small business entrepreneur. The seminar will be held at the Plaza Conference Center located at 121 E. 42nd St. from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. To register call (212) 753-2385.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

CANBEN - Should Start My Own Business? The U.S. Small Business Admin. is sponsoring a Young Entrepreneur Seminar (YES) Nationwide to encourage young people under 30 to become small business owners. At 8 a.m. at Rutgers in Camden. For more info call (609) 625-6221.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

NEW YORK - "Cash Flow Forecasting" for financial analysts and other finance professionals. NYU School of Continuing Education. For details call 212-998-7080.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

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CITY BUSINESS

Building an urban agenda

by William Reed

While most of the nation's urban mayors struggle with declining city coffers, many of their colleagues are finding that a new source of revenue is already available in their communities. Urban communities are falling down and while factories and jobs move to the suburbs, many black "leaders" and "activists" can be found on decaying street corners complaining about the unfairness of the "white flight" rather than actively seeking new sources of revenue and jobs for the people in the central cities. For a progressive way to build an urban agenda in the 90s, black-elected officials and business people need to move to the forefront of the legalized gaming boom.

When the first of the major legalized casinos opened in Nevada in the 1940s, it is unlikely that anyone envisioned that nearly 50 years later high-quality casino gaming would be enjoying unparalleled popularity and growth

throughout the United States. It is equally unlikely that anyone could predict that legalization of land-based gaming would be a major legislative priority in such cities as Chicago, Kansas City, Washington, D.C. and New Orleans, cities eager to reap the economic benefits associated with gaming.

Ever since New Hampshire adopted the first state lottery in 1964, legalized gambling has moved into the mainstream of American leisure activities. "Changes in world demographics favor the growth of the gaming industry," says Barron Hilton, of the Hilton Hotel Corporation. "As the world population grows older, more and more people are finding that gaming is acceptable—and enjoyable—entertainment."

"Because of this, we are likely to see gaming spread, not just in the U.S. but also internationally," said Hilton, who is chief executive officer of one of the gaming industry's largest corporations. In 1992, a record \$329.9 billion was bet on all forms of legal gambling. Once

the winnings were deducted, that left gross revenues of \$29.9 billion for government and gaming establishments; six times what Americans spent on movie tickets.

Urban lottery officials have now had their operations "on-line" for nearly three decades and boast that for every dollar wagered, more than 95.5 percent of that money is returned to the local economy. Gaming pays a large portion of urban city services such as education, health care, senior citizen programs, education and training, consumer protection, fire, municipal services, parks, and recreational facilities in New Orleans, which has a black mayor, they are building the world's largest gambling hall, which will create an estimated 16,000 jobs and increase tax revenues by a projected \$75 million a year. The black-controlled Port Authority of Kansas City, Missouri is opening a \$86 million riverboat facility that is expected to generate 700 construction jobs, nearly 1,000 direct jobs and an additional 2,000 indirect jobs. The "Kansas City Queen"

project is estimated to have some \$130 million in economic impact for the city and has a special "set-aside" provision for minorities. Washington, D.C.'s black mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly is pushing casino gambling for the nation's capital and she expects that successful implementation of new gaming will produce 5,000 new jobs and millions for the city's treasury.

Experts say that casino gaming is poised for a decade of unprecedented growth. The number of full-service casinos will increase from today's 290 facilities to almost 650 by the end of 1995. The people in urban communities who are saying "no" to gaming in their cities want to keep their communities free from such "sins." But, until they come up with some other sources of revenue and jobs, they are simply "nay sayers" who are standing in the way of progress and an industry that will come anyway. Casinos may not come to your town, but they are going to come, and they're going to make some people money.

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White Collar Crime Report, which is hosted by Sam Rosenblatt, a certified fraud examiner and CPA, will feature former prosecutor and federal district court Judge Herbert Stein. Judge Stein talks about outrageous activities by white collar criminals. The commission of these acts represents a substantially greater threat to the public and

the economy than those committed by typical street criminals. Businessmen, politicians, bankers, attorneys, stock brokers, and yes, even law enforcement professionals, have all played roles in recent scandals. Guests like Ed Parkins, a world-renowned private investigator, relate first-hand knowledge of how some of America's most respected citizens are often engaged in illicit schemes to defraud society and the public at large, and sometimes even their own

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UNB doubles stock dividends

BRANCHBURG — Thomas C. Gregor, chairman and chief executive officer of United National Bancorp., parent company of United National Bank, announced approval of a regular quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share as well as increasing the stock

dividend from 3% to 6%, payable November 1, 1993, to shareholders of record October 15, 1993. "This is the thirty-fifth consecutive year stock dividend has been paid and we are delighted to be able to increase it to 6%," Mr. Gregor said.

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5. Financing Commitments (20 points)	20
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6. Compliance with Local Requirements and Fulfillment of Local Obligations (30 points)	30
Total Points	100

Applications will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick at their office at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901, on November 15, 1993 at 11:00 a.m.

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CITY SPORTS

Brave New World

by Mark Prioleau

For the first time in three seasons, the Atlanta Braves, America's team, will not take part in this year's World Series. Last week, the Braves were eliminated by the Philadelphia Phillies four games to two in the best of seven National League Championship Series.

Since turning around their last place NL West finish in 1990, to capturing division wins in '91, '92, and '93, and advancing to the October Classic in their first two banner years, the Braves have perennially assumed a national spotlight on the major networks during the past season. In addition to the playoff coverage, the Braves also enjoy a national following on Ted Turner's Super Station, TBS.

But this year's center stage belongs to the Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies. The Atlanta Braves pack up their act for the winter, no more Ron Gant, Dave Justice, Fred McGriff, Steve Avery, Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, Otis Nixon, Jeff Blaser, and no more "Prime Time" until next spring. Hopefully, the above mentioned will all come back to give baseball fans another outstanding season of play.

However, some major changes need to be made in Atlanta next year, as well in Cleveland, Kansas City, Washington, Chicago, Tallahassee, and even in Piscataway. Will all professional, college, high school, intramural, and recreational teams please stop disrespecting the wishes of Native American Indians by using their culture in representation of sports team names, mascots, and game chants!

The Atlanta Braves, Cleveland Indians, Kansas City Chiefs, Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Piscataway Chiefs? What about a team called the Carolina Coons? I would certainly find that offensive, wouldn't you?

you? How about songs of the underground railroad being sung during the bottom of seventh of a New York Negro baseball game? What's that Indian chant that the Braves (and now a thousand other teams) hum during the games at Fulton County Stadium? ~~It's the first and only thing that we think of when we think of the American Indian! How educated we are in this country.~~

Americans have no say in this matter, period. Native American Indians in 1993 find all of the above offensive and we should respect their wishes. The only ones who can relate to this issue are Native Americans, not Italians, Blacks, Jews, Hispanics, only Native Americans. Let's respect their wishes and drop all of those sports names with Native American titles, KO the songs, and the stupid mascots.

So give credit to Marquette University. Last week the administration decided to drop the name Warriors from their sports teams for the very reasons that we have mentioned. They are currently in search of a new name, and when one has been approved, the Warriors will be gone for good. As for the rest of you, take notes and follow suit!

NAFTA

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workers. NAFTA will level the playing field for U.S. workers and send more U.S. products south and create 200,000 new U.S. jobs in the next two years.

President Clinton has recruited former Chrysler Corporation Chairman Lee Iacocca to push NAFTA, all the Big Three automakers support the pact. Former GM board member, Ross Perot, says that "NAFTA's real purpose is to attract capital to Mexico by making the country safe for foreign investors."

He also says it will "undermine the U.S. economy" and crush middle-class employment. Lacy says blacks who have jobs making automobiles, home appliances and electronics will suffer job losses.

Council candidate endorses Dunn for Mayor

PLAINFIELD—In a recent press conference Council Candidate James C. Green of Plainfield gave his endorsement for Mayor to Malcolm R. Dunn. Green said he was thankful to the people of the 4th Ward, for their support and it is evident that they sent a message that they want a Council that will work together for the best interest of the people. "As your representative, it will be my responsibility to look out for the interests of the people of the 4th Ward, and see that we get the fair treatment that we deserve."

"As one of the founders of the

Concerned Citizens of the Fourth Ward, I know how important citizen participation is. It is my plan to work closely with the people, through a Fourth Ward council, with committees and volunteers throughout the ward."

"I have known Malcolm Dunn for many years, and during the past months since the formation of the Plainfield Democratic Coalition, we have worked closely. He actively supported my candidacy for 4th Ward Councilman, and continues to do so."

Green delivered a brief Bio on

Malcolm Dunn for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the man. "Malcolm Dunn is a long time Plainfield resident, ... he has shown himself to be a man of conviction and integrity; he has maintained his independence and has not put political deals before serving the best interests of Plainfield's people."

Green noted some of the changes that would be made when and if Dunn was elected Mayor: Citizen Participation in all levels of programs in the 4th Ward; expand community policing, to build partnership between police and community

in fighting drugs and crime; demand assistance from state, county and federal government to fight crime and drug abuse; development of an affordable housing program, where residents can obtain below rate interest loans with down payment assistance; through the Department of Community Affairs; appoint Plainfield residents to city positions; and require lending institutions that the city does business with to invest in the community, by making low interest home improvement loans and automobile loans available to city residents.

BIC survey results

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There were however, in all surveys a significant number of people who had not yet made their choice. 22% of the senior citizens were still not sure and 25% of the regular participants were also not sure. Among the youth group the not sure response was made by 49%. This suggests that both campaigns would be well advised to focus more attention on the African-American electorate.

The regular participants were asked about their party identification. 79.6% identified as Democrats, and 8% as Republicans. Whitman's support level clearly matches the Republican identification and Florio's support level has not yet reached the Democratic identification level.

3. Youth and national African-American leadership

31% of youth respondents to the NUBIC survey thought that the Reverend Jesse Jackson was the most important leader of African-Americans in the nation. An additional 13% listed him as one of two three or four choices. No other person listed came close to this level of acknowledgment by these young people. Mayo Angelou and Louis Farrakhan were

mentioned with 14.4% each. Other people who were mentioned more than once were Shirley Chisholm (5.6%), Coretta Scott King (5.6%), W.D. Muhammad (3.3%), and Benjamin Chavis (2.2%). In a somewhat related question 64% of the youth were able to volunteer the names of three historically important African-Americans.

4. Crime and other issues

Street crime is clearly a major issue for both African-American leaders and senior citizens. Virtually 50% of the regular participants said that strong tough control of street crime is the issue most on the mind of African-Americans. 58% of the senior citizen respondents agreed. The bulk of the other respondents thought it was one of several important issues. There was virtually no support for the idea that it was not important.

Given its importance, the discussion of the crime issue by the candidates is not rated high. 44.4% of the regular participants thought the discussion was either superficial or thoughtless and irrelevant. 22% of the seniors made the same assessment. Only 13% of the regular participants and 26% of the seniors

thought it was very thoughtful and relevant.

Youth were not asked about crime as an issue. However, they were asked about the importance of crime and violence in the day to day life of their neighborhood. It clearly a major part of their life. 41% indicated it was either a dominant factor or a major factor. Only 28% indicated it was either almost non-existent or a minor factor. The remainder thought it changed from day to day.

Among other issues on which the regular respondents had an opportunity to express their views was the discussion by the candidates of welfare reform and their views of the possible results of school system takeovers. Almost 35% of the respondents believed that the candidate's discussion of welfare reform was superficial or thoughtless and irrelevant. Only 16% thought it was very thoughtful.

Almost 40% of the respondents were not sure whether school system takeover would improve the schools or make them worse. More saw some possibility of improve-

ment than saw the possibility of making schools worse. 69% thought that it was very important to preserve urban public school systems.

Among regular participants and senior citizens the rating of President Clinton's performance is lukewarm but not negative. This is significantly more true of regular participants than senior citizens. The youth participants have a different perspective.

Just under 46% of the regular participants rate Clinton's performance as good or excellent, as compared to 70% of seniors. 48% of the regular participants thought the performance was fair as compared to 28% of seniors. Few people in these two groups rated Clinton's performance as poor or very poor. The contrast with the youth group is striking. Almost 29% rate him poor or very poor. 48% rate him as fair.

Both the regular participants (53%) and the senior citizens (48%) indicate general support of the President's health reform program. There was not significant sign of opposition. Certainly however both groups had large percentages who didn't feel they knew enough about the proposal to make a judgment.

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